

REMARKS

Original claims 2 to 5 and 7 to 11 are pending. Claim 1 is amended to correct an inadvertent typographical error. Claim 6 is canceled without prejudice.

**Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 102:**

The rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) are moot with the cancellation of claim 6.

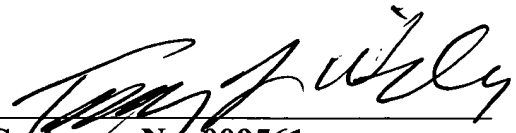
CONCLUSION

In view of the present amendment to the claims and Applicants' remarks, all of the pending claims of record are seen to be in condition for allowance. Passage of the case to issue is respectfully requested.

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Respectfully submitted,

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